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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A process for preparing aseptically packaged cooked rice, comprising:

blanching ginseng in ~~an organic acid~~ a phosphoric acid solution to produce pretreated ginseng;

soaking jujube and chestnut in a mixed solution comprising a calcium solution and ~~an organic acid~~ a phosphoric acid solution to produce a pretreated mixture;

mixing raw material rice with the pretreated ginseng and the pretreated mixture to produce a rice mixture;

hermetically sterilizing the rice mixture, after filling the rice mixture in a heat-resisting plastic container, at a temperature from 130°C to 150°C for 4 to 8 seconds, wherein the hermetically sterilizing is carried out from 4 to 10 times, to produce a sterilized rice mixture;

cooking the sterilized rice mixture for 30 minutes with steam at a temperature of 100°C after adding a fixed amount of liquid for cooking, the liquid comprising a fixed amount of glucono delta lactone (GDL) sufficient to adjust the pH of the liquid and to adjust the final pH of the cooked rice to a pH of 4.0 to 5.0, to produce cooked rice; and

sealing and packaging the cooked rice in a clean room, whereby aseptically packaged cooked rice is produced.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) The process of claim 6, wherein blanching comprises:

blanching ginseng in a ~~0.1 % to 0.3 % organic acid~~ 0.2% phosphoric acid solution at a ~~temperature of from 50°C to 70°C for 20 to 30~~ 60°C for 20 minutes after cutting ginseng into fixed sized ~~piece~~, pieces to produce pretreated ginseng.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The process of claim 6, wherein soaking comprises:

soaking jujube and chestnut in a mixed solution comprising a 0.1 % to 0.3 % calcium solution and ~~0.1 % to 0.3 % organic acid~~ a 0.2% phosphoric acid solution at 25 °C for 1 ~~to 1.5 hours~~ hour after cutting the jujube and the chestnut into fixed sized pieces, to reduce microorganism levels and to improve texture, ~~whereby~~ to produce a pretreated mixture ~~is produced~~.